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Attorney Docket No. 15966-599 (Cura 99)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Shimkets, et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/718,321 EXAMINER: Cheyne D. Ly
FILING DATE: November 22, 2000 ART UNIT: 1631
FOR: NUCLEIC ACIDS CONTAINING SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS
AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing a continuation application claiming priority to the above referenced application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 30, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith. The Applicants claim small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-599 (Cura 99). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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